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SUBJECT: ARREST OF WANG HSING-NAN

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1. MRS. WANG YU-AN HAS VISITED THE CONSULAR SECTION ON TWO OCCASIONS TO EXPRESS HER CONCERN THAT SHE MIGHT NOT BE PERMITTED BY THE GROC TO LEAVE TAIWAN. ON THE FIRST OCCASION (DECEMBER 29), MRS. WANG INFORMED CONSULAR OFFICER THAT SHE HAD ENTERED TAIWAN ON HER US PASSPORT ON DECEMBER 27, 1976 AND HAD BEEN INTERROGATED AT THE AIRPORT BY GROC OFFICIALS REGARDING HER BROTHER. WHEN SHE HAD ASKED TO CALL THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, SHE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THIS WAS NOT NECESSARY AND WAS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER ALLOWED TO DEPART THE AIRPORT. MRS. WANG THEN EXPRESSED CONCERN TO CONSULAR OFFICER OVER WHETHER SHE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE TAIWAN.

2. DURING HER SECOND CALL AT THE CONSULAR SECTION (JANUARY 25), MRS. WANG TOLD CONSULAR OFFICER THAT HER BROTHER HAD BEEN ARRESTED "FOR POLITICAL REASONS" AND THAT SHE WAS UNDER SURVEILLANCE. SHE AGAIN EXPRESSED HER CONCERN OVER BEING PREVENTED FROM
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DEPARTING TAIWAN. WHEN QUESTIONED, SHE SAID SHE HAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED DIRECTLY BY GROC AUTHORITIES SINCE HER INTERROGATION AT THE AIRPORT AND AT NO TIME HAD GROC AUTHORITIES SUGGESTED THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY PROBLEM IN HER LEAVING TAIWAN.

3. IN VIEW OF MRS. WANG'S EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN,

CONSULAR OFFICER PLANS TO BE PRESENT AT AIRPORT DURING
MRS. WANG'S CHECKOUT AND DEPARTURE FROM THE ISLAND.
SHOULD GROC AUTHORITIES PREVENT HER DEPARTUJE,
CONSULAR OFFICER WILL SEEK TO ASCERTAIN THE NATURE OF
THE GROC ACTION AND OFFER APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO
MRS. WANG.

4. TO EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH THE PRIVACY ACT, DEPARTMENT
MAY WISH TO PASS TO SENATOR HUMPHREY'S OFFICE THE
INFORMATION CONTAINED PARA 2 REF B.
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